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Marshal's Minute-State Fire Marshal Matt Perez



I want to start by wishing everyone a Happy New Year! As we put 2021 in the rearview mirror, the OSFM was proud to continue our dedication to the Illinois Fire Service by providing funding for training, equipment, and other needs during the pandemic. As we fast forward to 2022 our commitment remains the same. We are dedicated to helping to provide training to career and volunteer departments across the state so that the members of the Illinois Fire Service are the most well trained in the world.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues, and we are seeing a surge again in cases across the state and the country. I want to stress the importance of making sure you have an up-to-date continuity of operations plan (COOP) for your department. If you don't have a plan or just want to refresh yours, there are resources available through MABAS and the Illinois Fire Service Institute that can help guide you through this process. These plans can help to reduce the strain on staffing issues and helps to set guidelines to follow when certain officers or staff are out due to illness or injury.

January is Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month. Cancer is the most dangerous and under-recognized threat to the health and safety of firefighters according to the Firefighter Cancer Support Network. It is also the leading cause of line-of-duty deaths. From 2015-2020, 75% of the fire fighters added to the IAFF Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial died from occupational cancer. I can't stress enough the importance of getting screened and doing your yearly physicals. Taking this time can help to spot something early, that if not found or treated, could lead to more serious issues in the future, or worse, loss of life. If we all work together to limit our exposures, get screened and improve our lifestyles, we will beat cancer and come out a healthier fire service community.

In 2019, the Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI), the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), and State of Illinois Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) partnered in the creation of the State of Illinois Preliminary Exposure Reduction Training project. This joint venture was developed to deliver critical firefighter health and life safety research, education, training and basic equipment to fire departments across the state. The intent of the project is to provide departments with free basic equipment that can be used for preliminary exposure reduction (gross decontamination or decon) of personnel on incident response scenes, as well as training on how to use those tools. The recommended decon equipment includes common household items that are easily obtainable and fit into a space the size of a standard 5-gallon bucket. If your department hasn't completed this training and received your buckets, I highly encourage you to do so. There are still buckets left and this training is always good to review. You can find the training by visiting: <https://fsi.illinois.edu/decon/#!/index>.

Sterling Fire Department LODD- Lt. Garret Ramos



Lieutenant Garret Ramos of the Sterling Fire Department passed in the Line of Duty while fighting a fire in Rock Falls on December 4th. Ramos served with the Sterling Fire Department for 9 years.

Rest Easy Brother, we will take it from here.



Chicago Fire Department LODD- MaShawn Plummer



Chicago FF/EMT MaShawn J. Plummer of Engine Company 94 had been with the Chicago Fire Department for around 1 year. Plummer succumbed to injuries he sustained while fighting a fire and passed on December 21st.

Rest in peace brother we will take it from here.



WHEREAS, all residents owe a debt of gratitude to the firefighters of Illinois who selflessly risk their lives to protect people and keep our families and our property safe; and,

WHEREAS, every day, these men and women face great risks and often put their lives in danger to perform their duties especially during the COVID-19 pandemic where they are on the front line; and,

WHEREAS, on December 21st, 2021, Chicago Firefighter-EMT MaShawn Plummer, 30, died days after suffering injuries while battling an apartment building fire in the Belmont Central neighborhood; and,

WHEREAS, Firefighter Plummer joined the Chicago Fire Department one year ago on December 1st, 2020, and was assigned to Engine 94; and,

WHEREAS, Firefighter Plummer was born on June 21st, 1991, to Felicia Townsend and Jermaine Plummer; and was a brother to sisters Jazmine Plummer and Ana Plummer; and they all survive; and,

WHEREAS, services for Firefighter Plummer will be held on Thursday, January 6th, 2022, at the House of Hope in Chicago, with internment at Oak Woods Cemetery, Chicago;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby order all persons or entities governed by the Illinois Flag Display Act to lower flags to half-staff from sunrise Tuesday, January 4th, 2022, till sundown Thursday, January 6th, 2022, in honor and remembrance of Firefighter MaShawn Plummer, whose service shall forever be an inspiration to the people of Illinois.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this THIRD day of JANUARY, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-TWO, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and FOURTH.

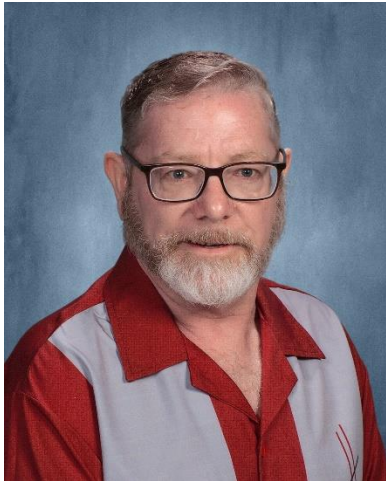


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Employee Spotlight

Perry “Scott” Sunderland

Account Tech

Where are you originally from? I’m from here in Springfield

Tell us about your family? I am single. Although, I come from a large family to celebrate things with.

Favorite food(s)? My favorite thing to eat is a New York Strip served Medium Rare, with a baker and Broccoli.

Hobbies? I like to draw and paint still life items. My latest one is of a green apple sliced with an orange slice, a lemon slice and a red apple slice in the middle of the green apple. Took me about four hours to get it right.

What’s your favorite movie or book? Big LOR fan, but my all-time favorite is The Godfather movies. Books I like Dune, Frank Herbert’s classic and some stuff from Stephen King.

When you get in the car what type of music will be coming out of your speakers? Alternative Rock, Offspring, Bush, Nirvana and the like.

What did you want to be when you were a kid? I wanted to be an architect, went to school for it and couldn’t get through the engineering class. So, I went into teaching, missed the cut off for the edTPA test by three points. The edTPA is: 40 pages of what I did and why I did what I did in student teaching. That’s why I’m here now.

What’s your favorite part of the job? Staying busy all day.

What’s something unique about you? While serving in The Air Force, I have been around the globe twice and been to 27 countries and 48 states.

Where is your favorite place to vacation? Thailand, it is beautiful there once you get out of the big cities.

Where is your bucket list destination? There are only few more places I want to go, the first is Australia. I want to spend some time in Sydney and Perth.

Firefighter Medal of Honor Nomination



The Firefighter Medal of Honor Nomination window is open until February 1st, 2022.

The Firefighting Medal of Honor Annual Award program established by Public Act 86-1230, will place emphasis and priority on the consideration of firefighters who have been killed or seriously injured in the line of duty and those who have displayed exceptional bravery or heroism while performing their duties as a firefighter.

Applications for this award can be found by visiting the OSFM's website:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/SFMDocuments/Documents/FFMoHNominationForm.pdf>

The 2022 Medal of Honor Ceremony and The Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, May 10th at 10 AM. Please check back our website or follow our facebook and twitter pages for any additional updates.



Keep the Wreath Red Campaign



Display at OSFM Headquarters in Springfield



Display at OSFM Chicago Office



Display at IFSI in Champaign



Display at Quinn Fire Academy in Chicago

Our Keep the Wreath Red Campaign for the 2021 Holiday Season wrapped up on January 2nd. Unfortunately, this year there were 16 fire related deaths across the state between December 1st and January 2nd. Sadly, two of those deaths were fallen firefighters. Fire Safety isn't just a topic during the holiday season but is a yearlong effort.

Wreaths were hung and displayed at the OSFM headquarters in Springfield and at the Quinn Fire Academy in Chicago. This year we expanded our campaign and added wreaths at our new Chicago office at 555 Monroe and a special thanks to our friends and partners at the Illinois Fire Service Institute in Champaign for hosting a wreath.

Municipality Notice on Applicability of Life Safety Code



**OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS
STATE FIRE MARSHAL**

**JB Pritzker, Governor
Matt Perez, State Fire Marshal**

To: All Local Municipal and Governmental Authorities
From: State Fire Marshal, Office of the State Fire Marshal, State of Illinois
Date: December 21, 2021
Topic: Applicability of the State-Adopted Life Safety Code

In an effort to clarify the role of the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) in matters related to fire investigations and fire safety inspections conducted within the State of Illinois, I offer the following:

Fire Investigations

The Illinois General Assembly enacted the Fire Investigation Act (the "Act") (425 ILCS 25) in 1909. The legislature specifically selected the OSFM to investigate and to supervise the investigation of fires by the Chiefs of all legally organized municipal fire departments and fire protection districts within the State of Illinois. The Act also assigned local Fire Chiefs the responsibility to determine if fires occurring in their respective communities were accidental or by design (cause and origin determinations).

If it is determined that the fire may have been intentionally set (arson), the Chief can take one of two paths:

1. The local department can conduct an arson investigation if they have the capability and resources.
2. The local department can request that the OSFM conduct an arson investigation if they do not have the capability and resources.

The OSFM reserves the right to conduct an arson investigation at any juncture where circumstances deem it appropriate.

Fire Safety Inspections

The legislature issued an additionally important mandate in the Act. It required the State Fire Marshal to adopt and promulgate rules to protect the public from fire hazards (425 ILCS 25/9). Currently, OSFM has adopted the NFPA 101, Life Safety Code (2015 Edition). The home rule status of a municipality will largely inform whether the OSFM life safety code – adopted by administrative rule pursuant to the Act – is the mandated applicable minimum standard in a given municipality.

- For home rule municipalities, the municipality can opt either to adopt fire prevention and life safety standards of its own choosing or to follow the OSFM-adopted NFPA 101, Life Safety Code (2015 Edition). Notwithstanding the above, the OSFM-adopted life safety code still applies to state buildings, state-licensed facilities, and other occupancies under the purview of OSFM that are located in home rule municipalities.
- Unlike home rule municipalities, non-home rule municipalities are mandated to enforce fire prevention and life safety standards that are equal to or greater than the OSFM-adopted life safety code. Non-home rule municipalities that have not adopted fire prevention and life safety

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standards that are equal to or greater than the OSFM-adopted NFPA 101, Life Safety Code (2015 Edition) are required to use the NFPA 101, Life Safety Code (2015 Edition). The administrative rules contain established methods for non-home rule municipalities to demonstrate equivalency with the OSFM-adopted life safety code. Notwithstanding the above, the OSFM-adopted life safety code still applies to state buildings, state-licensed facilities, and other occupancies under the purview of OSFM that are located in non-home rule municipalities with codes that are determined to be equal to or greater than the OSFM-adopted code.

The right of entry for the purpose of inspecting properties was granted to both the OSFM and the Chiefs of all municipal fire departments and fire protection districts. The OSFM's jurisdiction to inspect properties for fire hazards is not exclusive. While the OSFM is required by the law to inspect all state public buildings, public schools, and occupancies licensed by the state, its jurisdiction to inspect private and commercial occupancies is concurrent with our local fire service partners.

The OSFM depends on local departments to be vigilant in pre-planning and identifying hazards in all buildings within their respective communities. This expectation does not mean that every department/district must conduct regular safety inspections of buildings within their areas. With that said, routine fire safety inspections not only ensure that buildings are safe, they also provide an opportunity to pre-plan and reconnoiter the building so firefighters know what to expect during an emergency. This ultimately enhances your response capabilities and furthers public safety.

Regular inspections would be ideal and should be an aspirational goal that every department or fire protection district strives for, but I understand that it is not realistic in some areas of our state. Although the Act does not require Fire Chiefs or their designees to conduct routine inspections, it does require, at a minimum, that Fire Chiefs or their designees report safety violations when discovered and take appropriate enforcement action to address them as necessary. This can take several forms:

1. For local departments/districts that enforce a code different from the OSFM-adopted minimum or maintain a dedicated fire prevention bureau, these violations are best handled by using locally adopted ordinances that spell out enforcement procedures. The OSFM is available to assist our local partners with technical support relating to NFPA 101 code interpretation.
2. For local departments/districts that do not have locally adopted ordinances on enforcement, violations should still be handled by the local department/district. The designated local official should notify the building owner/tenant of the specific violation(s) in writing, and provide them with an opportunity to remediate the situation or to file an appeal with the local authority. If the violation is upheld or modified, the person against whom the final order has been issued may seek review of the decision in the circuit court. Fire safety violations are petty offenses under the Act and violators are subject to fines and injunctive orders issued by the circuit court. The role of the OSFM in situations where local departments/districts do not have locally adopted ordinances or dedicated fire prevention bureaus can vary based upon the circumstances and may include:

- advisory/technical support relating to code interpretation
- assistance in conducting an inspection
- assistance in writing a notice of violation

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The OSFM is primarily available to provide such technical assistance while local officials pursue enforcement. Infrequently, a direct referral of the matter to the OSFM for inspection/enforcement action may be appropriate.

3. The Fire Protection District Act (70 ILCS 705) also provides Fire Protection District Fire Chiefs with an additional avenue of enforcement should he or she not be able to achieve compliance with orders issued under 70 ILCS 705/11m(b) or 70 ILCS 705/11m(c). If this is the case, pursuant to 70 ILCS 705/11m(d), the Fire Protection District Fire Chief may refer such an order to the State's Attorney so that the State's Attorney may (at its discretion) enforce the Fire Chief's order.

The important message here is that the OSFM understands that fulfilling our duties as spelled out in the Act will require teamwork on both our parts. The OSFM recognizes the issues that can arise in carrying out your assigned duties and we are dedicated to helping you through partnership.

Tools and Training

In an effort to help municipal fire departments and fire protection districts that do not have a fire inspection program, the OSFM has developed a free, online interactive Life Safety Code training program. This program is available to all Illinois firefighters on-demand and can be accessed through:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/Iam/FireDepartment/FirefighterTraining/Pages/LifeSafetyCodeTrainingRequest.aspx>

Along with the training, we are developing a sample inspection checklist that can be modified or tailored to fit the demands of your department/district. The checklist is being designed as a tool to assist individuals who conduct fire inspections, or to simply use as a notice of violation when a violation is found. We are also developing an instructional video which will be placed on our website that will help familiarize you with using the sample inspection checklist.

Protection

The OSFM notes that while every department should strive to conduct accurate and thorough inspections, mistakes or omissions may occur. If such mistakes or omissions do happen, there are statutes (e.g., the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act (745 ILCS 10)) and case law that discuss the possibility of immunity protection for public entities and public employees stemming from inspections. The availability of governmental tort immunity as a defense will ultimately depend on the specific facts and circumstances of the matter in question. Therefore, if additional guidance on this issue is needed, a local department/district should consider seeking the advice of legal counsel.

The OSFM understands that it is no easy task for Fire Chiefs throughout the state. I want to personally thank each of you for the work you do to keep Illinois safe. I look forward to working with all of you in furtherance of improving fire safety within our state. If you have questions about this communication please direct them to sfm.info@illinois.gov.

Matt Perez

State Fire Marshal

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OSFM/CFD Holiday Decoration Safety



Left to Right: OSFM PIO JC Fultz, Chicago Fire Commissioner Annette Nance-Holt and Chief Walter Schroeder

The OSFM partnered with the Chicago Fire Department to host a safety demonstration for holiday decorations. OSFM PIO JC Fultz and Chicago Fire Commissioner Annette Nance-Holt spoke to the media and provided tips to help keep everyone fire safe during the holiday season. Both also stressed the importance of proper use of space heaters and other supplemental heating devices not only during the holidays, but throughout the winter months.

A demonstration was conducting showing how quickly a fire can spread if your Christmas tree is dried out. This stressed the importance of adding water daily to the tree and removing them when they become dry.



OSFM/IFSI Holiday Decoration Safety Forum

The Illinois Fire Service Institute and
the Office of the State Fire Marshal present

Holiday

Home Safety Tips



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16 – 11:00AM CT

A Facebook account is not needed to view the live feed.



facebook forum >>>>

FORUM
FREE LIVE TRAINING

The OSFM joined with our friends and partners at the Illinois Fire Service Institute during a live forum promoting Holiday Fire Safety. Decoration safety, candle safety, general home safety and heating safety were a few topics discussed. A live demonstration was conducting showing how quickly a fire can spread if you have a dry Christmas Tree in your home. The Close Before You Dose Campaign was also highlighted, which a bedroom was set up in the staged house and was shown after the fire. The effects of the smoke and heat from the fire were minimal thanks to the door being closed.

To view the forum visit: <https://youtu.be/NahL66TetDc>



Hall's Harley Davidson Donation



Left to Right: OSFM Fire Service Outreach Coordinator Greg Hay and GM Hall's Harley Davidson Diane Hughes

OSFM's Fire Service Outreach Coordinator Greg Hay received a check on behalf of the Illinois Firefighter Memorial Foundation for \$3,000 dollars from the General Manager of Hall's Harley Davidson in Springfield Diane Hughes. This donation is from proceeds raised from their 9/11 Ride to Remember.



Fire Marshal Perez at First Responders Bowl



FM Perez with University of Louisville
Mascot Cardinal Bird

Illinois State Fire Marshal Matt Perez was selected as one of the representatives from the National Association of State Fire Marshals to attend First Responders Bowl in Dallas, Texas where he helped receive a donation of \$20,000 dollars during the game.

Fire Marshal Perez currently serves on the Board of Directors for the National Association of State Fire Marshals.



FM Perez hanging out with members from the Dallas,
Texas Fire Department



Youth Fire Setter Intervention Class Romeoville

Youth Firesetter Intervention Class

The Romeoville Fire Department is pleased to announce they will be hosting a Youth Firesetter Intervention Program class for the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Here is the training information:

Date & Time: Monday, March 28, 2022 & Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Monday: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Tuesday: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Place: Romeoville Fire Department – Station 3
698 Birch Lane
Romeoville, IL 60446

If you would like to register for this training, please click here

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/Events/Pages/Youth-Fire-Setter-.aspx>

This class is limited to **25 - 30 students** due to the current COVID-19 distancing safety measures.

There is a fee of \$100 per student for this class. Please make the check payable to the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and mail it to the Office, prior to the training date.

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Arson Division – YFSIP
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For further information, please feel free to call me at (217) 415-7206, or email me

Simony.Weyforth@illinois.gov.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Romeoville!

Simony Weyforth

Youth Fire Setter Program Coordinator



OSFM DEI Working Group

Our OSFM DEI efforts continued throughout the month of December as we celebrated and recognized the following special calendar events:

November 28 – December 6: Hanukkah (also spelled Chanukah) is a Jewish holiday that lasts for eight nights, usually in November or December. Also known as the Festival of Lights or the Feast of Dedication, the holiday celebrates the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem following the Maccabean revolt against the Syrian-Greek army. The holiday takes place for eight nights and days, commemorating the rededication of the Holy Temple.

December 1: World AIDS Day, commemorating those who have died of AIDS, and to acknowledge the need for a continued commitment to all those affected by the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

December 3: International Day of Persons with Disabilities, designed to raise awareness in regard to persons with disabilities in order to improve their lives and provide them with equal opportunity.

December 8: Immaculate Conception of Mary, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception celebrates the solemn celebration, by various Christian denominations, of belief in the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

December 8: Bodhi Day, the Buddhist holiday that commemorates the day that the historical Buddha, Siddhartha Gautama (Shakyamuni), experienced enlightenment, also known as Bodhi in Sanskrit and Pali.

December 10: International Human Rights Day, established by the United Nations in 1948 to commemorate the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

December 11: Mas'a'il, Baha'i Faith Feast Day.

December 12: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a religious holiday in Mexico commemorating the appearance of the Virgin Mary near Mexico City in 1531.

December 13: St. Lucia's Day, a religious festival of light in Scandinavia and Italy commemorating the martyrdom of St. Lucia, a young Christian girl who was killed for her faith in 304 C.E. She secretly brought food to persecuted Christians in Rome while wearing a wreath of candles on her head so both her hands would be free.

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December 16-24: *Las Posadas, a nine-day celebration in Mexico commemorating the trials Mary and Joseph endured during their journey to Bethlehem.*

December 21: *Yule Winter Solstice, celebrated by Pagans and Wiccans. The shortest day of the year represents a celebration focusing on rebirth, renewal and new beginnings as the sun makes its way back to the Earth. A solstice is an astronomical event that happens twice each year when the sun reaches its highest position in the sky.*

December 25: *Christmas Day, the day that many Christians associate with Jesus' birth.*

December 26: *Boxing Day, a secular holiday celebrated in the U.K., Canada, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong and South Africa.*

December 26- January 1: *Kwanzaa, an African-American holiday started by Maulana Karenga in 1966 to celebrate universal African-American heritage.*

December 26: *Zartosht No-Diso (Death of Prophet Zarathushtra), a day of remembrance in the Zoroastrian religion. It is a commemoration of the death anniversary of the prophet Zoroaster, or Zarathushtra.*

December 26: *St. Stephen's Day, a day to commemorate St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, or protomartyr.*

December 26: *Feast of the Holy Family, a liturgical celebration in the Catholic Church in honor of Jesus, his mother and his foster father, St. Joseph as a family. The primary purpose of this feast is to present the Holy Family as a model for Christian families.*

December 27: *St. John's Day, Apostle and Evangelist, feast day for St. John, celebrated by Christian denominations.*

December 28: *Feast of the Holy Innocents, a Christian feast in remembrance of the massacre of young children in Bethlehem by King Herod the Great in his attempt to kill the infant Jesus.*

December 30: *Sharaf, Baha'i Faith Feast Day.*

December 31: *Watch Night, a day for Christians to review the year that has passed, make confessions, and then prepare for the year ahead by praying and resolving.*

OSFM DEI Working Group

Our agency DEI “Peer to Peer” Working Group met on December 2nd. Among the topics and issues discussed during the meeting were our agency DEI mission statement; the delivery of DEI orientation training to agency staff; and our agency BEP program. We also had interesting discussions relating to religious tolerance and our group accomplishments in 2021.

The January group meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2022. Any OSFM employee desiring to listen in on the conversation or join the group should contact Deputy Director Armstead or HR Director Schrage. This peer to peer exchange is completely voluntary and remains a safe place for OSFM employees to discuss DEI without fear of retribution for their personally held beliefs. We encourage authenticity at all meetings.

Diversity = Acceptance of all

Equity = Access for all

Inclusion = Meaningful participation by all



IFSI Minute


AN UPDATE FROM THE ILLINOIS FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE

Happy New Year from the Illinois Fire Service Institute. We hope our friends and family across the state had a wonderful and restful holiday season. The IFSI Team returned from an extended holiday break on January 5 and are already in full swing with planning and preparations for another successful year.



NFPA FIREFIGHTER I

Basic Operations Firefighter Blended (BOF): The first delivery of 2022 kicks off on January 8 at four training locations across Illinois. IFSI will welcome over 150 BOF candidates to training locations in Colona, Streator, Cherry Valley, and Centralia for a formal orientation and course kickoff. These candidates will complete a blended training program, balancing instructor supported online learning and hands-on, weekend practical sessions over 18-weeks. Upon successful completion, students will have a pathway to certification. We wish the BOF students well as they begin this intense training program.



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**BASIC FIREFIGHTER / NFPA FIREFIGHTER I - ONLINE
MODULES A, B, C**

The Online NFPA Firefighter I Basic Course consists of 23 subject areas (plus Haz Mat Awareness & Tech Rescue Awareness) delivered from the IFSI Online Classroom.


The online classroom provides:

- An overview of each subject
- Learning objectives
- An outline of reading assignments
- Live instructor lead virtual learning sessions
- Student assignments
- Electronic quizzes
- Local fire department research paper

Students should be familiar with the use of the computer and have access to the Internet.

Required at students' expense:
Essentials of Fire Fighting, 7th Edition (ISBN: 978-0-87599-657-2)

The final exam will be administered through the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM).



**FIND MORE INFO OR REGISTER ONLINE:
FSI.ILLINOIS.EDU**

	Course Begins:	Course Tuition:
MODULE A:	JANUARY 17, 2022	\$400
MODULE B:	MARCH 7, 2022	\$400
MODULE C:	APRIL 25, 2022	\$400

Modules are intended to be taken in order. An exception may be given by the Firefighting Program Director or Distance Learning Program Director.

Basic Firefighter Online: IFSI will offer Basic Firefighter Online – Modules A, B, and C starting January 17. This virtual training program allows students to complete necessary coursework in preparation for testing for state certification. Registration will remain open until the first module start date. Complete program details and registration: fsi.illinois.edu

WINTER FIRE SCHOOL

IFSI is excited to offer the 27th Annual Winter Fire School, January 22-23 in Champaign. This elite training program will offer nine unique course options, to include hands-on, live fire, or classroom training programs. Students can register for up to 16 hours of training by designing a schedule that meets their personal and professional needs.

As with all IFSI training programs, students will have access to the top industry professionals. The low student-to-instructor ratio for Winter Fire School classes allows for full engagement and multiple opportunities for interactive learning.

The training is elite and affordable. Attendees are also eligible for free hotel accommodations, thanks to the support of the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal.

MODULE SUBJECTS INCLUDE

<p>Module A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orientation/Organization • Safety • Communications • Building Construction • Fire Behavior • SCBA • Portable Extinguishers • Ropes and Knots 	<p>Module B:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Ground Search & Rescue • Fire Hose/Appliances • Firefighter Survival • Ventilation • Forcible Entry • Water Supply • Ladders • Nozzles and Stream • Apparatus Familiarization • Fire Control/Suppression • Wildland Firefighting 	<p>Module C:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss Control • Preserving Evidence • Fire Detection/Alarms • Fire Prevention/Public Education • Hazardous Materials Awareness • Technical Rescue Awareness
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Helping Firefighters Do Their Work
Through Training, Education,
Information, and Research.

Registration is open for all 2022 course deliveries. Our team will continue to offer top-quality and innovative training across the state this year. We encourage you to regularly check the schedule online for the most up-to-date listing of classes. We look forward to continuing to serve the fire service members of Illinois this year.

#WEAREIFSI

CRR Task Force Update

Illinois CRR Stakeholder Taskforce

Promote the importance of Risk Reduction in Illinois by inspiring community ownership and providing coordinated resources

Illinois Community Risk Reduction – What Happened in 2021?

In December of 2019, a group of fire service leaders from organizations and agencies across the state of Illinois gathered to discuss what Community Risk Reduction (CRR) should look like in Illinois. Through a SWOT analysis conducted that day, it became apparent that Illinois has 14 state agencies and other state organizations with strong networking capabilities, able to reach out to the state's 1,144 fire departments and the communities they serve. It would take organization, education, and dedication to overcome any existing misconceptions, negative perceptions, and a lack of knowledge about what CRR really is and what it can do for communities. At the end of the day, it was decided to move forward with future plans and coordinated efforts to provide CRR opportunities and resources for Illinois.



Fast forward to March 2020 when everything shut down due to COVID. Everything stopped as the entire state tried to figure out how to conduct business-as-usual, but not-so-usual. During this time the group met just enough to decide that the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association would serve as the state's lead organization for CRR. The OSFM provided grant monies to IFSI to develop basic CRR classes.

By February, 2021, Zoom was a familiar option for many and work began in earnest to regroup and formalize with goals and objectives for IL CRR. It was decided that each of the 14 state fire service organizations would choose one member to represent them on the team at monthly meetings. Other state organizations would be added as auxiliary members once needs were established. The team became known as the Illinois CRR Stakeholder Taskforce. Marketing and outreach were identified as necessary early in the process. IFSI volunteered to handle all marketing needs and introduced Jill Sauer who has handled development of a website, Facebook page, and the IL CRR logo. The website and FB page went live in September, 2021. Visit us at www.illinoisccrr.com! The website continues to grow with relevant notices, links to classes, trainings, downloadable articles for use in your community, and other resources.

CRR Task Force Update

Illinois CRR Stakeholder Taskforce

Promote the importance of Risk Reduction in Illinois by inspiring community ownership and providing coordinated resources

In April, 2021 a half day workshop with significant representation from the member organizations, produced the following mission statement: *Promote the importance of Risk Reduction in Illinois by inspiring community ownership and providing coordinated resources*”.

The Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts (IAFPD) invited the taskforce to present an overview of IL CRR at their June conference in Champaign, IL.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal and the Chicago Fire Department hosted a successful one-day Community Risk Reduction (CRR) Conference in Springfield, IL in October, 2021. Presentations from national, state, county and community CRR experts provided insight to best practices and the fundamentals of successful implementation of the process. Throughout the day, a common theme became, “CRR is not just another name for Public Education or Fire Prevention”.

The above information represents just a few of the highlights that moved CRR forward in Illinois. Behind the scenes, efforts have been underway to mine the state data and produce a state risk assessment document. This will help serve as a rudder for where we need to reach out and invest resources in the future. Illinois is also serving as a model for other states to integrate all branches of the fire service to enable their communities to understand and conduct CRR.

You can find more information, along with free and downloadable CRR planning guides, at Vision 20/20's website www.strategicfire.org.

We invite you to contact our organization at info@illinoisfirechiefs.org for resources and CRR updates. We welcome your questions, requests, and suggestions.



Heating Safety

Heating Safety

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

- Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet (one metre) away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot (one metre) "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.



Heating Equipment Smarts

Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you **smell** gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.



FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of **December, January, and February.**



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Heating Safety

Electric Portable Space Heater Safety

When the weather turns cold, it can bring a chill into our homes. Portable space heaters have become a popular way to supplement central heating or heat one room. If you plan to use portable electric space heaters, make sure to follow these tips and recommendations:

HEATER CHECKLIST

- » Purchase a heater with the seal of an independent testing laboratory.
- » Keep the heater at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn, including people.
- » Choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection.
- » Place the heater on a solid, flat surface.
- » Make sure your heater has an auto shut-off to turn the heater off if it tips over.
- » Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic. Never block an exit.
- » Keep children away from the space heater.
- » Plug the heater directly into the wall outlet. Never use an extension cord.
- » Space heaters should be turned off and unplugged when you leave the room or go to bed.

Types of electric space heaters

Oil or water-filled radiator
Heated oil or water travels through the heater.

Fan-forced heater
A fan blows warm air over metal coils.

Ceramic heater
Air is warmed over a ceramic heating element.

Infrared heaters
Heat is created by infrared bulbs.

Fact

Nearly half of all space heater fires involve electric space heaters.



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Sullivan Fire Chief Retirement



Left to Right: Retired Sullivan Fire Chief Mike Piper and OSFM PIO JC Fultz



The OSFM honored retiring Sullivan Fire Chief Mike Piper for his over 31 years of service and leadership to the Sullivan community and the Illinois Fire Service. Chief Piper was one of our Coffee with the Chief participants and we wish him well on his retirement. Thanks, Chief, for your service!



Kudos/Shout Outs



The OSFM once again adopted a family during the holiday season and was able to provide everything on their wish list! The OSFM was also able to purchase the family a new washer and dryer.

Pictured on the left is OSFM HR/Special Projects Director Jodi Schrage and OSFM HR Specialist Laura Pemberton shopping for the items the family requested.

OSFM's Sean Miller Technical Advisor III and Agency Counsel from the legal division was honored for his 3 years of service to the agency. OSFM's Chief of Operations Dale Simpson is pictured presenting the plaque.

Sean will be moving on to Veteran's Affairs. Thanks, Sean, for your service and we wish you well!



The OSFM Welcomed some new faces to the organization!

Antonio Gonzalez, Boiler Inspector (Cook County) – December 16

Mike Wisniewski, Fire Prevention Inspector (Cook County) – January 3

Mackenzie Evans, Office Assistant (receptionist) – January 3

Lisa Falica, Office Associate, Fire Prevention Licensing – January 3

Kids' Corner

